

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:395
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LNG TERMINAL AT KOCHI
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the proposed LNG terminal at Cochin has completed all the preliminary works so that Petronet could start the project work soon;
- (b) the result of the market study conducted by the KSIDC and FEDO regarding the assured consumption of LNG produced here;
- (c) whether the Cochin Refineries had offered that it could undertake the marketing of the entire production of LNG from this terminal;
- (d) whether the Gas Authority of India Ltd, (GAIL) will complete the laying of pipeline work, as agreed to KSIDC;
- (e) whether the ministry will create such machines and take such steps so that no agency involved, fail in discharging its responsibility at the agreed time; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The market study has established substantial demand for LNG.
- (c) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), the parent company of Cochin Refineries Ltd has offered to undertake marketing of LNG from Kochi LNG terminal.
- (d) Yes, Sir.
- (e) & (f) It has been agreed that the pipeline for the transportation of RLNG will be laid by GAIL(India) Limited. Various other aspects of the project will be driven by commercial considerations through appropriate agreements between the companies concerned.